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Application Number	09/673,958
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First Named Inventor	M. Nanba
Art Unit	1635
Examiner Name	B. Whiteman
Attorney Docket Number	2519 US0P

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as to the Deposit of a Microorganism,

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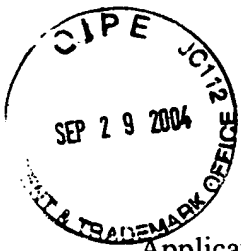
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RESPONSE "C"

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Advisory Action mailed September 15, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendment and remarks set forth below. A Declaration as to the Deposit of a Microorganism, Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and authorization to pay the \$110.00 37 CFR Sec. 1.17(a)(1) fee and the \$770.00 RCE fee accompany this response.

AMENDMENT